

REMARKS

Claims 4, 8, 9, 32-41, 50-57, and 64-72 are pending in this application. Claim 72 is amended herein. Claims 1, 3, 16, 18-21, 25, 29, 30, 31, 42-49, and 58-63 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amendment to claim 72 may be found in the claims as originally filed. Since all of the rejected claims except claim 72 are being cancelled, and the amendment to claim 72 is being made at the behest of the Examiner, this amendment is believed to place the application in condition for allowance, and entry therefore is respectfully requested. In the alternative, entry of this amendment is requested as placing the application in better condition for appeal by, at least, reducing the number of issues outstanding. Further reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101:

Claim 72 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 72 was amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. The Examiner's suggestions are appreciated. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 72 is earnestly solicited.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 4, 8, 9, 32-41, 50-57, and 64-71, and the indication that claim 72 contains allowable subject matter.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 4, 8, 9, 32-41, 50-57 and 64-72 are allowable over the cited references. Allowance of all claims 4, 8, 9, 32-41, 50-57 and 64-72 and of this entire application is therefore respectfully requested.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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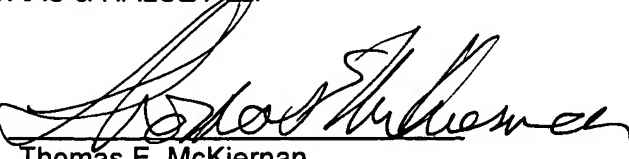
If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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